

REMARKS:

Applicants are amending independent claim 1 to better describe the claimed invention. Thus, claims 1-8 currently are pending and are subject to examination in the above-captioned patent application. No new matter is added by the foregoing amendments, and these amendments are fully supported by the specification. See, e.g., Appl'n, Figure 3. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

In the Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0033355 to Hagiwara. To extent that this rejection remains applicable in view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's anticipation rejection, as follows.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to describe a flat panel type display apparatus "wherein one end of the display section main body is formed with: i) a first terminal group connected to the plurality of display electrodes, ii) a second terminal group positioned adjacent to the first terminal group, wherein the second terminal group comprises a first plurality of connecting terminals, and iii) a third terminal group comprising a second plurality of connecting terminals, wherein **each of the first plurality of connecting terminals is directly connected to a corresponding one of the second plurality of connecting terminals via at least one wire.**"

For example, as shown in Figure 3 of the present application, in an exemplary

embodiment of the present invention, a connecting terminal CB11 of the second terminal group GR2 may be directly connected to a corresponding connecting terminal CC11 of the third terminal group GR3 via a wire B11; a connecting terminal CB1m of the second terminal group GR2 may be directly connected to a corresponding connecting terminal CC1m of the third terminal group GR3 via a wire B1m; and each of the connecting terminals of the second terminal group GR2 that are positioned between the connecting terminal CB11 and the connecting terminal CB1m may be directly connected to a corresponding connecting terminal of the third terminal group GR3 via a wire.

In contrast to Applicants' claimed invention as set forth in independent claim 1, Hagiwara discloses that the second terminal group 94 includes a first plurality of connecting terminals, and the third terminal group 80 includes a second plurality of connecting terminals. However, in Hagiwara, **only two** of the connecting terminals of the second terminal group 94 (each of the outer most connecting terminals) are **directly** connected to a corresponding one of the connecting terminals of the third terminal group 80. See, e.g., Hagiwara, Figure 2. Specifically, a single wire is used to connect all of the connecting terminals of the second terminal group 94 to all of the connecting terminals of the third terminal group 80, such that all but the outer most end connection terminals of the second terminal group 94 are **indirectly** connected to the third terminal group 80. As such, Hagiwara fails to disclose or suggest a flat panel type display apparatus "wherein one end of the display section main body is formed with: i) a first terminal group connected to the plurality of display electrodes, ii) a second terminal group positioned adjacent to the first terminal group, wherein the second terminal group comprises a first

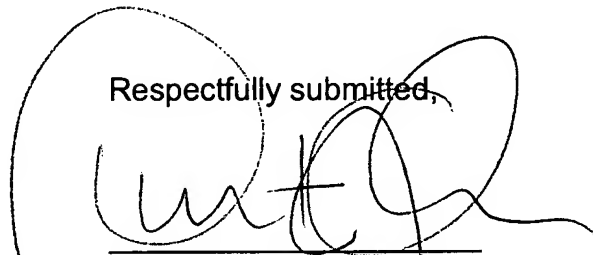
plurality of connecting terminals, and iii) a third terminal group comprising a second plurality of connecting terminals, wherein each of the first plurality of connecting terminals is directly connected to a corresponding one of the second plurality of connecting terminals via at least one wire,” as set forth in Applicants’ independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 at least for these reasons.

Claims 2-8 depend from allowable, independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner also withdraw the anticipation rejection of independent claim 1 at least for this reason.

CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-captioned patent application is in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that an in-person or telephonic interview with Applicants' representatives would expedite the prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of records. Applicants believe that no fees are due as a result of this response to the outstanding Office Action in the above-captioned patent application. Nevertheless, in the event of any variance between the fees determined by Applicants and those determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107156-00229.

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